



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 1645**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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**For: *Helicobacter* Proteins, Gene
Sequences and Uses Thereof**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, in the above-captioned application. In reply to the Advisory Action dated November 11, 2005 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20051027) ("the present Advisory Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of this Reply is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit. This Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting page 3 of this paper, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and

- with markings in the currently amended claims.

(C) Starting on page 11 of this paper, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.